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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE OF CIVIL AVIATION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the policy and action plan of the Government for the development of infrastructure of Civil Aviation and for providing all facilities to air passengers with a view to promote Civil Aviation;

(b) the manner in which Government propose to control the entry of private Civil Aviation companies and air-traffic;

(c) the powers vested in Airports Authority of India in this regard; and

(d) the provisions made by the Government to give more encouragement to aviation in the country and for connecting big and small important place in the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the action being taken by the Government to give more attention towards Rajasthan in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c):- Policy on Airport Infrastructure, formulated in December, 1997, aims at upgradation and modernization of airports, to provide better facilities to air passengers and promote civil aviation. Private sector investment is being encouraged, while air-traffic and space management would continue to be vested with Airports Authority of India (AAI) as per the provisions of AAI Act, 1994.

(d):- Upgradation of facilities at airports to encourage aviation is a continuing process. In the Ninth Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 3421.87 crores approximately has been allocated by the AAI for this purpose. Apart from this, operation of turbo-prop aircraft is being encouraged to facilitate air connectivity to small important places also.

(e):- In Rajasthan, AAI has plans to
(i) upgrade Jaipur airport for Airbus-300 aircraft;
(ii) construct a new terminal complex to handle 400 passengers at a time at Udaipur airport;
(iii) expand apron and widen link-taxi way at Jodhpur airport for Airbus-320 aircraft; and
(iv) construct a new civil enclave at Jaisalmer airport, subject to land being provided free of cost by the Government of Rajasthan.